

HARD PURSUIT OF BANDITS IS NOW GOING ON

Colonel Dodd, With Four Hundred Cavalrymen, Is Riding Furiously to Overtake Fleeing Villista Force.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEADER WIRE)
Columbus, N. M., April 1.—Riding mercilessly, 460 troopers under Col. George A. Dodd are making desperate efforts to capture or wipe out the survivors of Francisco Villa's largest command, which they defeated at San Geronimo ranch several days ago, according to meager reports seeping across the border today.

The speed and the relentlessness with which the pursuit is being made is indicated, according to army officers here, by the fact that General Pershing, who, last reports said, was speeding from Namiquipa across desert trails and through mountain passes to the scene of action, has not even taken time to make a detailed report of the engagement. Nor was any word received from Colonel Dodd, although service at the army wireless station here, interrupted by climatic conditions, was resumed today.

No Details of Engagement.
Military headquarters here made this statement: "No details of the engagement have been received. The only messages received from the south were of purely routine nature, and in none of them was the engagement mentioned."

Other information received indicated, however, that there is still much doubt at the American field headquarters as to whether the bandit chieftain was with his forces during the engagement. One report, given much credence, was that Villa sustained the wounds which broke his leg and shattered his hip bone in the attack made on the Carranza garrison at the town of Guerrero, March 27, and that the leader was carried away by a few well chosen followers in a jolting wagon to a secret hiding place in the mountain wilderness around Guerrero.

Hard Tack Remains.
Although the pursuit by the Americans is a new experience for Villa, one he has never met in all his years of guerrilla warfare, army men here are not inclined to minimize the task before Colonel Dodd. The Guerrero district in which Villa, with a price on his head, was able for eight years to escape capture by Porfirio Diaz's rurales, abounding as it does in caves, canyons and almost impassable mountain trails, all screened from the eyes of air scouts by heavy growths of dense mountain pines, is admittedly one of the most isolated regions in Mexico and the one in which the bandit has the largest number of friends.

From the moment the news of the battle was announced the greatest excitement has prevailed in Columbus, the town which Villa attacked less than three weeks ago and in which he murdered eight civilians and seven American cavalrymen.

Columbus Waits Capture News.
Scores of persons, civilians and soldiers gathered around the army wireless station, expecting momentarily the news would be flashed through the air that he had been captured and was being brought to Columbus. Some suggested that even if Villa is captured it would be unwise to bring him across the border, because of the feeling of the people.

Something of this sentiment was expressed at a sale of thirty-four mules captured by American troops after the raid on Columbus. Men gazed at the pitiful wrecks of what once were stout cow ponies, the bones of which even three weeks of American grain had been unable to conceal and the flanks of which had been cut into strips by cruelly rowelled spurs, spat on the ground and cursed the bandits who had owned the animals. The libes of the auctioneer, who pointed to one sorry animal and said: "He must have been a good one, see! He looks like they'd all taken turns riding him," aroused no response except muttered curses.

Sale of Captured Horses.
The prices obtained for the animals ranged from \$4.50 to \$20 and this, despite the fact that these were the best horses captured, the others being in such condition that it was necessary to kill them.

"I couldn't have one of those ponies about my place," said a rancher who fingered with his cartridge belt as he watched the sale. "The poor damn skate would always remind me of my friends killed at Columbus." At the quartermaster's department here there was no information today that the chase for Villa is nearing an end. In fact three truck trains carrying supplies and equipment of a nature such as would indicate at least that the end of the chase is not clearly in sight, left for the front.

Lieutenant Colonel Frick, in charge of the cantonment hospital, said tonight he had received no information concerning the four American troopers wounded in the San Geronimo engagement and that although he has prepared to care for them upon their arrival, he was unable to say whether they would be brought here or taken to the field hospital at Casa Grandes.

BIG GUNS FOR CANAL ARE NOW ON ISTHMUS

(Associated Press Correspondence)
Panama, March 25.—All the large 14-inch guns for the Panama canal defenses are now on the isthmus and soon will be in place in the fortifications at either end of the waterway. The single 16-inch gun for the top of Peric Island has not yet been shipped from the United States and it is not known here when it is to be shipped.

All the fortifications now under way are rapidly nearing completion and soon will only require the mounting of the big rifles to complete the work.

Transporting and mounting the huge 16-inch gun on Peric Island will furnish the engineers with an interesting problem. The island is more than 100 feet above sea level and conical in shape. It now has a railway line twice about its circumference at a very sharp curvature. A special railway car with swivel trucks will be constructed to take the 119-ton gun to its final resting place.

VILLA FORCE BEATEN BY CARRANZA MEN

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Queretaro, Mexico, April 1.—Gen. Jacinto Trevino has telegraphed to General Obregon, minister of war, that he has defeated the Villista general, Elias Perez, in the Laguna district. He requested the execution of sixteen prisoners who were captured, and said he had prevented the cutting of the Coahuila & Pacific railway. General Trevino has established permanent headquarters at Torreon, from which point he is directing the campaign which are pursuing the bandits.

The Cry of "Stop Thief!"

The Democrats charge in their newspaper advertisements that immorality, wine-rooms, gambling—have existed in Albuquerque during Mayor Boatright's administration.

Get the Facts on These Virgin Reformers

Two years ago the issue in our city campaign was the redlight district. Henry Westerfeld, Democratic candidate for mayor, fought, worked and voted for the redlight district. Henry Westerfeld is for the redlight district now. Westerfeld sells the bulk of his cigars to the saloons.

Warren Graham, just out of the saloon business and candidate for treasurer, worked and voted for the redlight district two years ago and is for it now.

Steve Roehl, candidate for City Clerk, and a whiskey salesman, worked and voted for the redlight district two years ago, and is for it now.

Mayor Boatright Closed the Red Light District and Has Kept It Closed

Who is most likely to be for wine-rooms in Albuquerque—

Men nominated and backed by Jake Korber and his Southwestern Brewery—or Mayor Boatright, retired dry goods merchant—whose sole interest is for a clean and wholesome city?

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Any civil war veteran presenting this coupon at the office of the Morning Journal with the blanks properly filled out will be presented with a ticket to one of the matinees of "The Birth of a Nation." This offer is good until noon of Saturday, April 8.

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READ THIS BEFORE YOU GO TO CHURCH THIS MORNING

There is a distinct moral issue in the campaign for city officers which closes Tuesday.

For two years wine-rooms have flourished openly in Albuquerque. The wine-room is the close ally of the white slave traffic. Words can not be found to describe its hideousness as an institution.

For two years saloons have been open on Sunday just the same as any other day, in spite of the fact that the Supreme Court of New Mexico, in the case of Tortesu vs. Territory, 6 N. M., 682, declared that the Sunday sale of liquor anywhere in the state is illegal.

For two years gambling has been going on in at least a half dozen saloons down town, the only concealment about it being that the games were played in back rooms or upstairs. Everybody, including city officials, has known where these gambling places were.

Henry Westerfeld and the candidates on the Democratic ticket stand pledged to enact such laws as are necessary to abolish the villainous wine rooms and close the saloons on Sunday, and to see that the anti-gambling laws are strictly enforced.

"Dave" Boatright, elected two years ago as a reformer, declares that it wouldn't be "fair" to do away with the wine-rooms and close the saloons on Sunday. On the subject of gambling he says just exactly nothing.

Think of these things today and make up your mind how you will vote on Tuesday. The Democratic platform merely calls for decency.

If you believe in wine-rooms, Sunday saloons and gambling, then vote for Boatright and his full ticket and get what you believe in.

If you believe in a clean town, where boys and girls will have a chance to grow up in a healthy moral atmosphere, removed from the slimy influence of the wine-room,

VOTE THE STRAIGHT DEMOCRATIC TICKET